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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, WB, US, UK, FR

SUBJECT: CORRIDOR CLEARANCE FOR GOODYEAR BLIMP

1. EMBASSY IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1976 RECEIVED APPLICATION FROM GOODYEAR INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION FOR CLEARANCE FROM CAA'S TO TAKE GOODYEAR AIRSHIP EUROPA THROUGH CORRIDORS FOR VISIT TO BERLIN MAY 19-25 FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING "ANTENNAS RADIATION TEST PATTERNS FOR GERMAN STATE TV". LETTER POINTED OUT THAT EUROPA HAD VISITED FRG EVERY SUMMER FROM 1972 THROUGH 1976 WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES.

2. AFTER CHECKING DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY AIR DIRECTORATE REVISED REGULATIONS GOVERNING FLIGHTS IN AIR CORRIDORS IN GERMANY AND THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE, OCTOBER 22, 1946, SECTION II, 15, B, AND CHECKING WITH FAA, BERLIN AERONAUTIC UNIT (BAU), AND GOODYEAR TO ESTABLISH THAT THE AIRSHIP HAD THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND CAPABILITIES FOR CORRIDOR OPERATION, THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TO UK AND FRENCH CAA'S. THEY HAD NO OBJECTIONS AND

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GOODYEAR WAS INFORMED THAT PROPOSED FLIGHT AND MISSION WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE SUBJECT TO MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH BAU, RECEIVING COORIDOR BRIEFING AND MEETING OTHER CORRIDOR REQUIREMENTS.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY UK EMBASSY BONN GROUP MEMBER HAS RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER POLITICAL IMPLICATION OF

FLIGHT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL
GIVEN. HE NOTES CORRECTLY THAT THIS WOULD BE FIRST
FLIGHT OF AN AIRSHIP THROUGH CORRIDORS AND HAS
INDICATED THAT UK EMBASSY MAY SEEK LONDON'S VIEWS.

4. WHILE SOVIETS MAY QUESTION THIS NOVEL CORRIDOR
FLIGHT AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE AIRSHIP IN BERLIN,
OUR READING IS THAT IT IS LEGAL AND THAT ANY SOVIET
COMPLAINTS CAN THUS BE REJECTED. WE THEREFORE FAVOR
ARGUING FOR ITS APPROVAL IF BRITISH OPEN THE QUESTION
MORE FORMALLY.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ARE
REQUESTED.

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